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2. IZETBEGOVIC FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR HAJRUDIN SOMUN HAS PASSED TO US A VIDEOTAPE DEALING WITH THE SITUATION IN B-H AND REPORTED WAR CRIMES. THE TAPE INCLUDES ON-SITE DESCRIPTIONS OF ATROCITIES COMMITTED IN VARIOUS B-H LOCALES. SPEAKERS ARE NON-PROFESSIONAL LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO APPEAR TO HAVE WITNESSED CERTAIN OF THE CRIMES. SOME VICTIMS ARE ALSO INTERVIEWED AND THEIR INJURIES GRAPHICALLY DISPLAYED. MOST OF THE FOOTAGE IS ON-SCREEN-DATED AS EARLY SUMMER 1992. WHILE THE TAPE IS NOT WELL EDITED, AND INCLUDES EXTENSIVE, CLOSE-UP COVERAGE OF MEDICAL OPERATIONS, LARGE PARTS OF IT MIGHT NONETHELESS BE OF USE TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION OR THEIR STAFF PERSONALLY UNFAMILIAR WITH THE TERRAIN AND ATMOSPHERICS OF WAR-TORN BOSNIA. ITS AMATEUR QUALITY ADDS TO ITS CREDIBILITY. IT IS ENTIRELY IN SERBO-CROATIAN.

3. SOMUN SAID WE COULD MAKE ANY APPROPRIATE USE OF THE TAPE WE WISHED. IF MISSION BELIEVES THAT THIS TAPE WOULD BE OF USE TO BASSIOUNI OR OTHER COMMISSION MEMBERS OR STAFF, PLEASE ADVISE AND WE WILL SEND IT BY "OVERNIGHT" EXPRESS.

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